

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn) A hairpin nucleic acid, having the following characteristics:
 - (a) being self-complementary; and
 - (b) having a first restriction site for a nicking endonuclease, said restriction site comprising a recognition sequence and a cleavage site, wherein said recognition sequence is situated so that said cleavage site is before, at, or beyond the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid.
2. (withdrawn) The hairpin nucleic acid of claim 1, further comprising one or more modifications to allow hairpin nucleic acid attachment to a solid substrate.
3. (withdrawn) The hairpin nucleic acid of claim 1, further comprising a second restriction site for a blunt-end endonuclease, said second restriction site comprising a second recognition sequence and a second cleavage site, wherein said second recognition sequence is situated so that said second cleavage site is before, at, or beyond the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid.
4. (currently amended) A method for sequencing, and recovering and resequencing a single-stranded template nucleic acid, the method comprising:
 - (a) covalently attaching providing a single-stranded template nucleic acid attached to the 5' end of a hairpin nucleic acid, wherein the hairpin nucleic acid is self-complementary and has a first restriction site for a nicking endonuclease, said restriction site comprising a recognition sequence and a cleavage site, wherein said recognition sequence is situated so that said cleavage site is before, at, or beyond the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid, and wherein said hairpin nucleic acid is a self-hybrid, and wherein a nucleic acid strand complementary to the template nucleic acid is attached to the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid;

- (b) sequencing a first portion of the single-stranded template nucleic acid by using the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid as a primer and extending said primer to generate a nucleic acid strand complementary to the first portion of the single-stranded template nucleic acid, thereby generating a hairpin-template-complement nucleic acid complex, wherein the template and its complementary strand are covalently attached;
- (c) contacting the hairpin-template-complement nucleic acid complex with said nicking endonuclease, under conditions where the nicking endonuclease cleaves before, at or beyond the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid, thereby providing a nicked hairpin-template-complement nucleic acid complex;
- (d) subjecting the nicked hairpin-template-complement nucleic acid complex to conditions whereby the nucleic acid strand complementary to the template nucleic acid dissociates from the template nucleic acid, thereby removing the nucleic acid strand complementary to said first portion of the single-stranded template nucleic acid and recovering the single-stranded template nucleic acid ; and
- (e) resequencing the first portion of the single-stranded template nucleic acid by using the 3' end of the hairpin nucleic acid as a primer and extending said primer to generate a second nucleic acid strand complementary to said first portion of the single-stranded template nucleic acid, wherein the template and the second complementary strand are covalently attached.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the hairpin nucleic acid is attached to a solid substrate.

6. (withdrawn) An addressable array, comprising a hairpin nucleic acid of claim 2, wherein the hairpin nucleic acid is attached to a solid substrate.

7. (withdrawn) An addressable comprising a plurality of the hairpin nucleic acids of claim 2, wherein adjacent hairpin nucleic acids are separated by a distance of at least 10nm.

8. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 7, wherein the hairpin nucleic acids are separated by a distance of at least 100nm.

9. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 7, wherein the hairpin nucleic acids are separated by a distance of at least 250nm.

10. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 7, wherein the density of the hairpin nucleic acids is from 10^6 to 10^9 polynucleotides per cm².

11. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 7, wherein the density of the hairpin nucleic acids is from 10^7 to 10^8 molecules per cm².

12. (withdrawn) A kit, comprising a hairpin nucleic acid of claim 1, and packaging components therefor.

13. (withdrawn) A kit, comprising the addressable array of claim 6.

14. (withdrawn) A double-stranded nucleic acid anchor, having the following characteristics:

- (a) having a first end and a second end; and
- (b) having a first restriction site for a nicking endonuclease, said restriction site comprising a recognition sequence and a cleavage site, wherein said recognition sequence is situated so that said cleavage site is located before,

at, or beyond the 3' end of the first end of the double-stranded nucleic acid anchor.

15. (withdrawn) The double-stranded nucleic acid anchor of claim 14, further comprising attachment of the second end to a solid substrate.

16. (withdrawn) The double-stranded nucleic acid anchor of claim 14, further comprising a second restriction site for a blunt-end endonuclease, said second restriction site comprising a second recognition sequence and a second cleavage site, wherein said second recognition sequence is situated so that said second cleavage site is located before, at, or beyond the 3' end of the first end of the double-stranded nucleic acid anchor.

17-18. (canceled).

19. (withdrawn) An addressable array, comprising a double-stranded nucleic acid anchor of claim 15, wherein the double-stranded nucleic acid anchor is attached to a solid substrate.

20. (withdrawn) An addressable array, comprising a plurality of the double-stranded nucleic acid anchors of claim 15, wherein adjacent hairpin nucleic acids are separated by a distance of at least 10nm.

21. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 20, wherein the double-stranded nucleic acid anchors are separated by a distance of at least 100nm.

22. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 20, wherein the double-stranded nucleic acid anchors are separated by a distance of at least 250nm.

23. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 20, wherein the density of the double-stranded nucleic acid anchors is from 10^6 to 10^9 polynucleotides per cm^2 .

24. (withdrawn) The addressable array of claim 20, wherein the density of the double-stranded nucleic acid anchors is from 10^7 to 10^8 molecules per cm^2 .

25. (withdrawn) A kit, comprising a double-stranded nucleic acid anchor of claim 14, and packaging components therefor.

26. (withdrawn) A kit, comprising the addressable array of claim 19.